

## DAVID GORDON 50 years of practice

ON the 26<sup>th</sup> November 2014 the Society hosted a cocktail party to celebrate David Gordon's 50 years of practice as an advocate. The reception was held in the Mountbatten Room at the Durban Club and was well attended by David's friends, colleagues and members of the judiciary (which amount to the same thing when you're David Gordon).

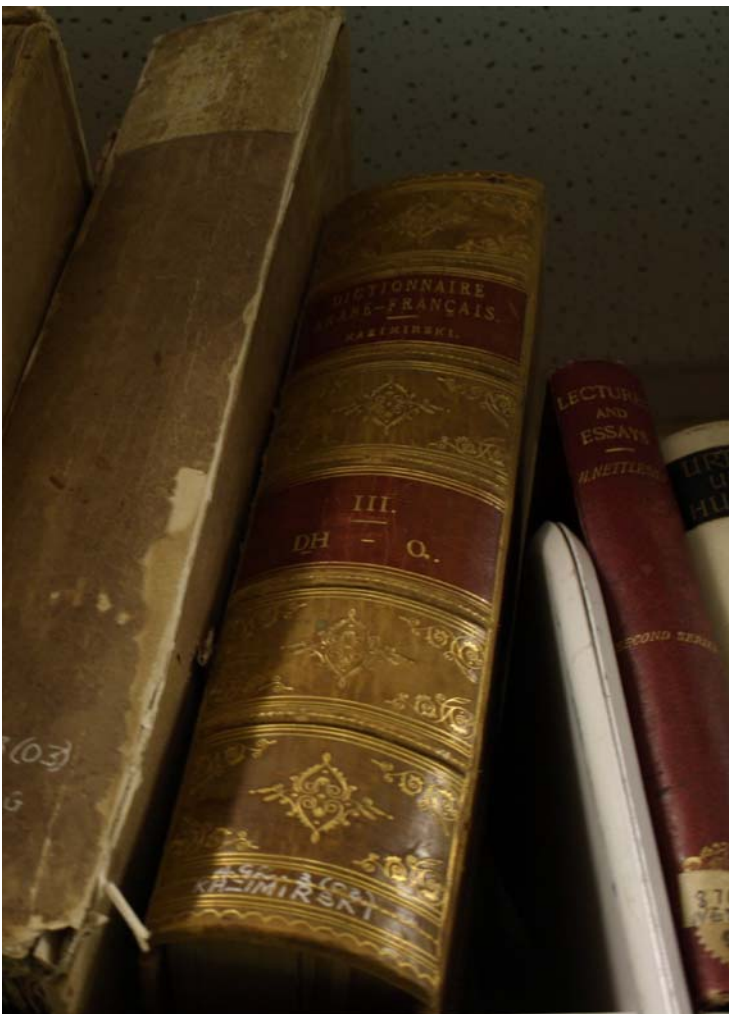
The Chairman of the Bar Council, Rajesh Choudree, opened the proceedings. His welcome was followed by speeches by John Pammenter SC, Peter Hodes SC, and Judge Piet Combrinck.

As is tradition David was given his right of reply. The speeches were a profound and at times moving meditation on an extraordinary career. They were also (given the speakers) extremely funny with the best lines not being suitable for publication in a family publication like the *Advocate*.

The country, legal system and indeed the world is so very different from the one in which David commenced practice 50 years ago. However, the warmth and spirit within the room that evening was testament to the fact that those 50 years have indeed been well spent. **A**



David Gordon SC (centre), is flanked by speakers at the function held to celebrate his half century in practice at the Bar, (left to right) Rajesh Choudree SC, Judge Piet Combrinck, John Pammenter SC and Peter Hodes SC.



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